

Remarks

Claims 1-9 and 11-20 are pending. Claim 10 is canceled in this Response.

Claims 1-9 and 11-20 were rejected under Section 102 as being anticipated by Kageyama (6333790) or under Section 103 as being obvious over Kageyama in view of Lee (6628413). The rejections are all based on the assertion that Kageyama teaches a printer, on command, retrieving a document file representing a document describing features of the printer and printing the document. This assertion is not correct.

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Office states that:

"Kageyama discloses a hardcopy device (printer, fig. 2) comprising: ... a memory unit (RAM memory, fig. 6) containing an electronic document file (information file describing printer's features and its usage, fig. 10) which is retrieved, on command, (commands from host computer and/or via control panel, fig. 1 and fig. 6), from said memory by said processor and printed in hardcopy form by said image printing unit...."

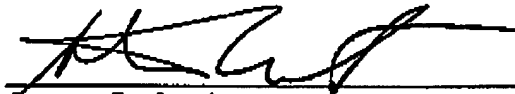
The Office indicates in a parenthetical expression the passage or figure in Kageyama that purportedly teaches the corresponding claim element. For example, the claim element "an electronic document file" is purportedly disclosed in Kageyama as an "information file describing printer's features and its usage, fig. 10."

Conspicuously absent from the Office's supporting statement, however, is any assertion that Kageyama discloses printing this "information file" in hardcopy form -- there is no parenthetical expression following this claim element in the Office's supporting statement. The Office has, therefore, failed to establish a prima facie case of anticipation and the rejections should be withdrawn for that reason alone.

In fact, so far as Applicant's can tell, Kageyama does not teach printing the information file. Rather, Kageyama teaches transmitting the information file electronically to a computer. See, for example, Kageyama column 10, lines 28-42 and column 12, lines 46-55. If the Office disagrees, it is respectfully requested to specifically point out those passages in Kageyama that teach printing the so-called information file. Absent such a showing, the rejections should be withdrawn.

The foregoing is believed to be a complete response to the outstanding Office
Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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